(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the estimate of the loss suffered by the Railways as a result thereof;

(d) the number of persons arrested in this regard; and

(e) the action taken against the arrested persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) No, Sir. No such gang has been detected by the railways recently, although some stray cases of persons in possession of fake railway tickets were detected in the past. However, it has come to notice through Press reports that a gang engaged in the racket of selling fake tickets has been detected by the Delhi Police in February, 2000. About 400 fake tickets have been recovered from them.

(c) Loss suffered by railways due to fake tickets is not quantifiable.

(d) and (e) As Press reports, two (non-railway) persons have been arrested by Delhi Police.

Survey work on Agartala-Akhaura Sector

1779. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the survey work on Agartala-Akhaura Sector (India Portion) has been completed;

(b) whether Government have taken up with Government of Bangladesh the linking of Agartala-Akhaura by constructing rail line; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) Field survey in 5 km. length inside Indian Territory has been completed. Survey report is yet to be completed for want of details of Engineering Survey of Bangladesh portion. So far, no report from them has been received from Bangladesh.